

PROGRESS REPORT 5





September 1-5, 2022 Hyatt Regency Chicago

Chicago, Illinois

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TOASTMASTERS



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FEATURED GUESTS



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR





We are now only a few weeks away from Chicon 8! This is our final Progress Report, chock full of all sorts of useful

information for you. It isn't our final communication to you though — we'll be sending out more emails between now and the convention, and of course posting on social media and updating our website.

I'm delighted to see so many of you attending your first Worldcon, over 900 of you at the time of writing, and I expect over a third of our attendees in person will be at their first Worldcon. Welcome!

I'm hoping you are as excited as I am! By now I imagine many of you have begun to plan all the things you wish to do. Our full schedule will be available quite soon, and I'm so proud of what this team has created. May you find the talks, discussions, papers, and performances that interest and inspire you. Once it is released, please take your time to look through it.

Familiarize yourself with our layout, think about your eating plans, and remember to bring a water bottle so you stay hydrated.

I'm especially looking forward to seeing our Guests of Honor and Special

Guests. We also have some amazing art exhibits from two of our Guests of Honor — the Korshak Family Art Collection and the Joe Siclari/Edie Stern Collection — that you won't want to miss. Seriously, these are once in a lifetime opportunities!

Two requests now!

First, everyone who works on a Worldcon is a volunteer; it's our passion, a hobby, a shared achievement, and we need you! Please do volunteer if you can, either in person or virtually, and then please bear in mind that all our team are also volunteers. I call on everyone to show patience, understanding, and empathy to one another.

Second, The Chicago Worldcon Community Fund is also going very well. We've been able to make some dreams come true for people who would otherwise have been unable to come to Chicon 8, and we still have more dreams to fulfill! I'd like to call for more support — lots of small donations add up quickly. Check out our website and please donate to help other fans come to Chicon 8.

Whether online or in person, whether this is your first Worldcon or your umpteenth, I want you to have a lovely time and want you to feel welcomed.

See you very soon now! Helen Montgomery Chair, Chicon 8



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HYATT REGENCY CHICAGO GUEST MAP

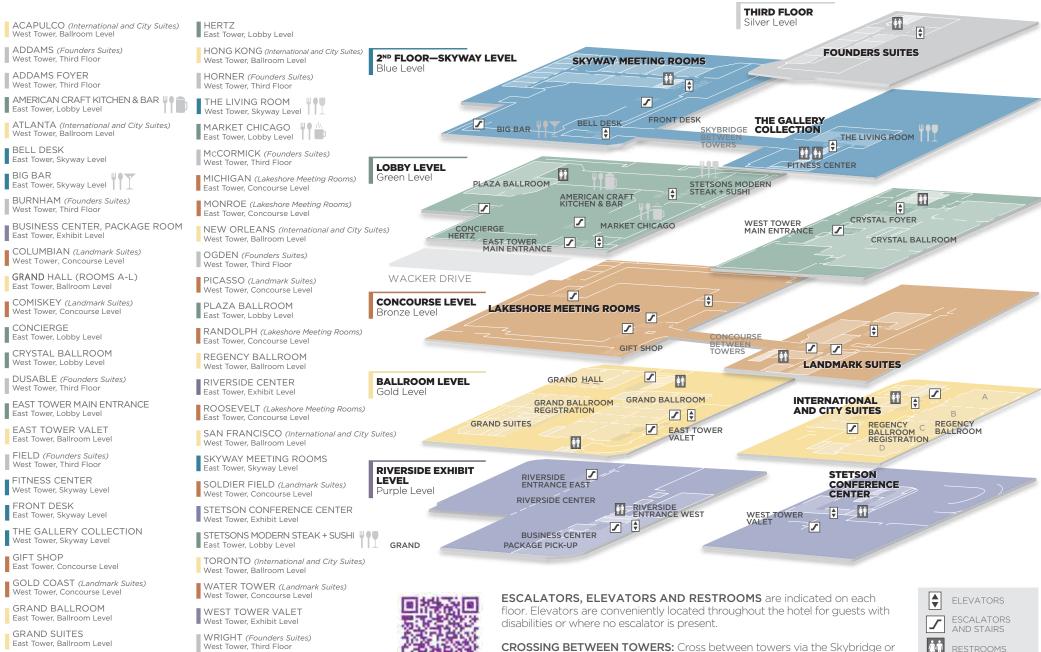


MOTHER'S ROOM

WELCOME TO HYATT REGENCY CHICAGO. Meeting rooms, ballrooms, restaurants and guest amenities are listed in alphabetical order and color coded by floor. For help, dial Guest Services at Extension 52.

EAST TOWER

WEST TOWER



HAYMARKET (Landmark Suites) West Tower, Concourse Level

WRIGLEY (Landmark Suites)

West Tower, Concourse Level

the Concourse.

You may also cross from the lobby level via the crosswalk on Stetson Drive.



OPEN HOURS (With Locations — Subject to Change#)



Art Show

Regency Ballroom, West Tower Ballroom (Gold) Level Thursday Friday Saturday/Sunday Monday	noon – 7 p.m. 10 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Dealers Room East Tower Exhibit (Purple) Level Thursday Friday/Saturday Sunday Monday	noon – 6 p.m. 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Exhibit Hall East Tower Exhibit (Purple) Level Thursday Friday/Saturday/Sunday Monday	noon – 7 p.m. 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Registration Grand Suites, East Tower Ballroom (Gold) Level Wednesday Thursday–Sunday Monday *pre-registered members only	noon – 7 p.m.* 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Information Desk (Two locations)* East Tower & West Tower Ballroom (Gold) Level Wednesday Thursday–Sunday Monday *West Tower will have limited staffing based on volunteer availability	noon – 7 p.m. 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Accessibility Desk Grand Foyer, East Tower Ballroom (Gold) Level Wednesday Thursday–Sunday Monday	noon – 7 p.m. 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Volunteer Desk East Tower Ballroom (Gold) Level & East Tower Riverside Exhibit (Purple) Wednesday East Tower Ballroom (Gold) Level & West Tower Ballroom (Gold) Level Thursday Friday/Saturday Sunday Monday	9 a.m. – 7 p.m. 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Monroe 5, East Tower Concourse (Bronze) Level Tuesday	9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Con Suite Hong Kong/Acapulco, West Tower Ballroom (Gold) Level Thursday Friday/Saturday/Sunday Monday * <i>may stay open later if enough demand</i>	1 p.m. – midnight 8 a.m. – midnight* 8 a.m. – noon
Teen Lounge Soldier Field, West Tower Concourse (Bronze) Level Thursday–Sunday Monday	9 a.m. – 11 p.m. 9 a.m. – noon
Program Participant Check-In (Near Registration) Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday	1 p.m. – 6 p.m. 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. 9 a.m. – noon

Check the convention website for any updates or changes



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IT'S EASY BEING GREEN!



Inspired by Chicago's local Capricon convention (see *https://capricon.org/capricon40/ capricon30/Greening.php*), Chicon 8 is committed to being an environmentally responsible Worldcon, and we encourage you to join us in our efforts.

What Are We Doing?

Our biggest environmental initiative is to move to all-electronic Progress Reports and an allelectronic Pocket Program. The Souvenir Book will also be available electronically (on an optin basis for attending members, and an opt-out basis for supporters and virtual members).

At the convention, we will also have an all-electronic newsletter, and we're significantly reducing the amount of paper needed for the WSFS Business Meeting.

Taken together, these measures alone save an astonishing 700,000 sheets of paper! And that's not counting the carbon cost of the physical mailings that would usually be required for the Progress Reports and for mailing out Souvenir Books to supporters.

Encouraged by Covid-19, we've also minimized our site visits and pre-con meetings, holding just a single all-staff event prior to the convention. This has resulted in significant savings in air and road miles.

Our partners at the Hyatt Regency Chicago are also doing their part, with initiatives ranging from responsible food sourcing to refillable water stations and banning products with microplastic beads. Excess edible food and gently used bathroom amenities are donated locally, and sensor lighting is used in meeting rooms.

How Can I Help?

Attending members can help us in many ways:

- Carpooling if you're driving to the convention (our Facebook group can be used to find sharers).
- Consider using public transport taking the Blue Line from O'Hare to within a few blocks of the Hyatt Regency costs \$5 just 10% of a taxi/Uber fare, and better for the environment.
- Instead of using disposable cups during the weekend, bring your own reuseable water bottle or coffee mug.
- Bring your own bag for use in the Dealers Room.
- Take advantage of Hyatt options for instance you can opt out of daily housekeeping, greatly reducing water and electricity usage for laundry.

You can also purchase a carbon offset for your attendance. You can find out more about this on our website.

Find Out More

See the "It's Easy Being Green" page in the "For Members" section of our website for more information, including an estimate of Chicon 8's carbon footprint, carbon savings, how to buy carbon offsets, and more about the Hyatt's sustainability efforts.

And if you're doing your bit — whether it's reducing your housekeeping request, taking public transport, or buying an offset — come along to the Info Desk to collect a free "It's Easy Being Green" ribbon. And wear it with pride!

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Program Participant Check-In Desk

Hours:

Wednesday Thursday Friday

Saturday

1 p.m. – 6 p.m. 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. 9 a.m. – noon

First Program Items

The first program items start at 10 a.m. on Thursday, and the convention will be in full swing by the afternoon.

Stroll With the Stars

To make the most of the beautiful city of Chicago, the popular Stroll With the Stars item will take place at both 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Take a leisurely stroll through the local area in the company of some of your favorite creators, and learn a little about this year's host city.

Table Talks

Chicon 8 is delighted to introduce Table Talks! Table Talks are small informal discussions with a "host" — an author, artist, astronaut, musician, or other interesting person. Long-time Worldcon attendees will notice this is a similar description to the Kaffeeklatsches and Literary Beers hosted by previous Worldcons. As part of Chicon 8's commitment to our COVID-19 policy, we are making the same great experience available, just without the beverages.

There are 7 member spaces at each Table Talk. Sign-ups for both in-person and virtual Table Talks will be through an online form. More information will be found in the Pocket Program and the Online Program Guide.

HOSPITALITY

Social Areas

Con Suites – West Tower Concourse (Bronze) Level

These adjoining suites are available for food and socializing from 8 a.m. to midnight (or later) during the main days of the convention.

Toronto

Toronto is a social area. Masks are required and no food is allowed. This is an open area which will be available 24 hours except when closed for cleaning.

Hong Kong

Lite snacks are served in Hong Kong for consumption in Acapulco, which will function as a contained dining area. Masks are required. Snacks are available as grab and go.

Acapulco

Masks may be removed to eat once you are seated in Acapulco. Members may consume snacks from Hong Kong or bring their own food to this area.



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Accessibility

(Including Wheelchair, Scooter, Assistive Device Rentals)

Chicon 8 is partnering with *Scootaround* to offer a range of assistive devices for rental during the convention. Available devices include powerchairs, power wheelchairs, manual wheelchairs, rollators, oxygen, and in-room medical devices. All rentals must be made in advance using the reservation process detailed in the "Wheelchair, scooter, and other assistive device rental" section of the Accessibility Services guide page on our website:

https://chicon.org/home/for-members/accessibility-services/

Childcare

Chicon 8 is happy to partner with *KiddieCorp* to provide professional childcare for children ages 6 months through 12 years old. KiddieCorp is in its thirty-sixth year of providing high-quality children's programs and youth services to conventions, trade shows, and special events and has lots of experience in creating an engaging set of activities while providing appropriate oversight.

The cost for the childcare will be \$10 per hour, per child. Children must be registered for a minimum of two consecutive hours per child for each day registered.

Availability

Thursday, September 1: Friday, September 2: Saturday, September 3: Sunday, September 4: Monday, September 5:

10 a.m. to 10 p.m. 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The advance registration deadline is August 18, 2022. While there will be registration on-site, there is no guarantee that space will be available when you want it. Advance registration allows KiddieCorp to schedule the right number of caregivers to maintain proper childcare ratios as required by law.

Additional babysitting services will not be available through the convention, but other commercial services, such as *UrbanSitter*, are available in Chicago for those who need them.

Please *let us know* if you have any questions.

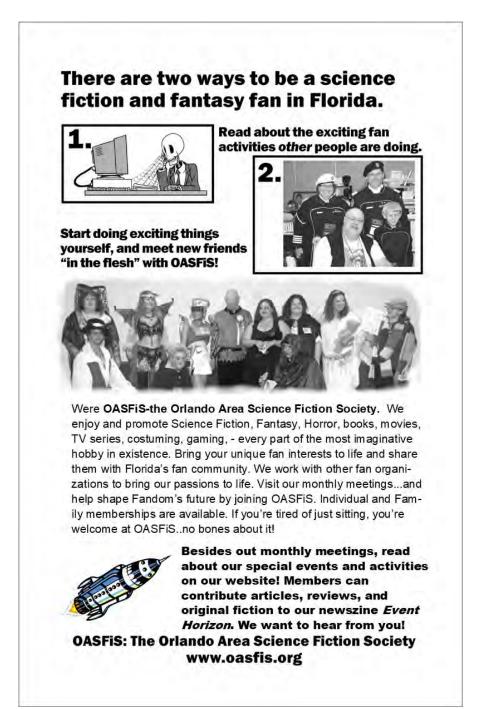
You can also find this information on the "Family" page of our website, together with other information for families attending Chicon:

https://chicon.org/home/for-members/families/

SALES TO MEMBERS

Sales to members will be available at the con, but also feel free to order merchandise at wherever in the world you are from our Redbubble store.

https://www.redbubble.com/people/Chicon-8/





Steven Brust Author Guest of Honor

Moshe Yudkowsky Fan Guest of Honor

Christine Mitzuk Artist Guest of Honor

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Virtual C8 Needs You!

Chicon 8 is creating a fantastic virtual experience, Virtual C8, with a robust program track, static exhibits, meeting spaces, and, of course, parties! We are looking for volunteers to assist with it. If you are attending virtually and want to lend a hand, we want to talk to you. There will be virtual volunteer rewards! If you are attending virtual program items and can assist with running them, why not watch, participate, and get rewarded for it?

You can find information about the jobs we need staffed on our website,

https://chicon.org/home/volunteering/volunteer-opportunities/

under the Chair's Division. Fill in the Volunteer Form

https://chicon.org/home/volunteering/volunteer-form/

and indicate which job suits you. We are seeking people from all time zones. Training will be provided, and the dates are included in the job descriptions.

On-Site Volunteering

By volunteering, you'll connect to the Worldcon community, meet new people, make new friends, and learn new skills as well. Come by our desks to find all the information you need to volunteer!

There are many benefits to volunteering! In addition to the fun of helping make Chicon 8 happen, we have some special rewards for you! We will track your hours so you can earn volunteer benefits. Move-in/move-out (MIMO) hours worked on Wednesday, August 3; Monday, September 5 after Closing Ceremonies; or Tuesday morning, September 6, count as double for rewards!

Visit the Volunteer Desks to register as a volunteer. The desks during Move In are located in the East Tower near the Grand Ballroom and in the Exhibit Hall. The desks during the convention are located in East Tower near the Grand Ballroom and West Tower near the Regency Ballroom. The desks for Move Out are located in the West Tower on Monday afternoon and in Monroe 5 on Tuesday morning. If you are under 14, you will need a parent or guardian to fill out the consent form.

Volunteer Desk Hours:

Wednesday Move In:	East Tower and Exhibit Hall, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Thursday:	East and West Towers, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Friday:	East and West Towers, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday:	East and West Towers, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday:	East and West Towers, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Monday:	East Tower, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
	West Tower, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday Move Out:	Monroe 5, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



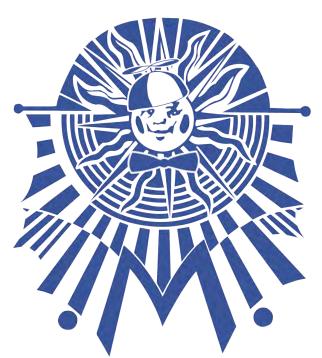
FIRE SALE!

Everything must go! Monday, September 5, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Convention Office will be selling off any unused/slightly used supplies and equipment that made this convention possible. If you are still at the convention on Monday, come by Monroe 5 to see what's available. Cash and credit cards accepted. For large items, we would prefer you pick up the same day; however, pick up at a storage unit in Elgin, Illinois, can be arranged if necessary. All large items must be picked up by September 12.



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Discuss, Debate, Decide: The WSFS Business Meeting

As a member of Chicon 8, you are a member of the World Science Fiction Society (WSFS). In addition to voting in the Hugos and Site Selection, as a member of WSFS, you have the opportunity to debate and vote on the rules of the organization, including *Hugo Award* categories, *Site Selection* processes, and the rules of how the debate on those topics happens (i.e., the rules for the WSFS Business Meeting).

The debate and discussion on these topics — Hugo Awards, Site Selection, and WSFS Business Meeting rules — occur at the Business Meeting (yes, the individuals at the meeting debate how the individuals at the meeting should debate). If you're an Attending member, you can be in the room where it happens and be part of that discussion!

The Business Meeting will occur from 10 a.m. CT to 1 p.m. CT Friday, September 2, to Monday, September 5, in Crystal B. If the agenda for any individual day is short enough, the meeting may end earlier. On Friday, we will determine the amount of time we will initially allot (it can always be amended) to each of the items on the agenda, handle resolutions to extend Hugo Award eligibility for some works, and hear committee reports. On Saturday, we'll dive into debate. Sunday is the Site Selection session, during which we will hear the results of the vote and a report from the winners, then return to debate on items on the agenda. Monday, if needed, is overflow.

Given the way debate occurs, there is no specific time at which any individual item of business will be discussed, just an order. That order is available in the *Business Meeting Agenda* (pdf).

PLEASE NOTE, unlike in previous years, printer copies of the agenda available at the convention will only contain items of New Business and Business Passed On with the accompanying commentary in an effort to be conscious of paper usage. The agenda currently on *www.Chicon.org* also contains Worldcon financial reports and committee reports. If you wish to have access to the full agenda in electronic form during the Business Meeting, we suggest saving a local copy on your device.

We encourage all interested members to arrive early to each session to sign in and schmooze and, if it is your first time, get situated and ask questions.

For more information on the WSFS Business Meeting please visit *https://chicon.org/home/whats-happening/business-meeting/*

Site Selection

Chicon 8 will conduct the elections to select the site of the 2024 Worldcon and the 2023 North American Science Fiction Convention (NASFiC). To vote in either of these elections, you must be an attending or supporting member of Chicon 8. At the time of your vote, you will pay an additional amount called the Advance Supporting Membership fee, which is a supporting membership in the Worldcon or NASFiC, regardless of which site wins the election. This money goes to the winning Worldcon or NASFiC bid regardless of who wins or how you voted.

For more information on the bids and voting, please go to: https://chicon.org/home/for-members/site-selection/



Glasgow is a vibrant city filled with science fiction, fantasy and inventiveness, and our team aims to bring our love of these to our Bid to host the 82nd Worldcon. Our venue, the Scottish Event Campus, has seen much growth with new onsite hotels and restaurants, and will serve as a hub for a fantastic Worldcon. Join us as we bring all our futures together in one great celebration!

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MEMBERSHIP STATS & DEMOGRAPHICS

The following table summarises Chicon 8's membership demographics as of **July 9, 2022**. We're pleased to welcome our first members from The Bahamas, Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Mexico, Nigeria, and Slovenia, meaning that we now have members from no less than 47 countries!

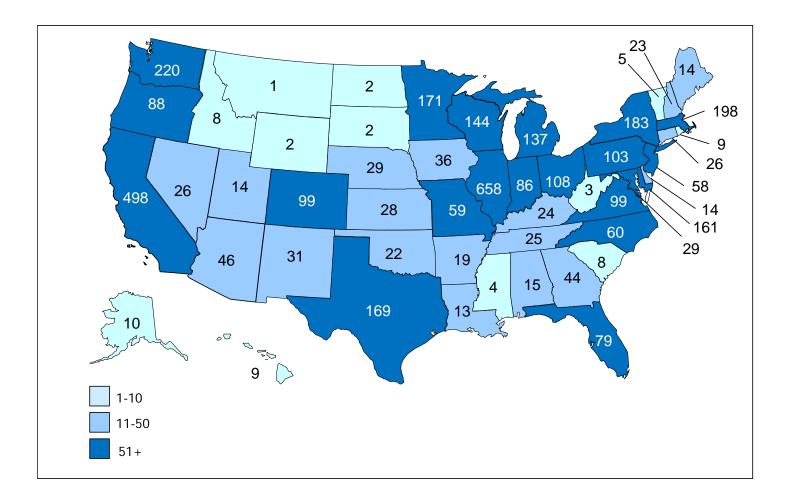
Country	Adult Attending *	Age Attending **	Virtual	Supporting	Total
Australia	14		7	73	94
Austria				5	5
Belgium	5			4	9
Bahamas				1	1
Bermuda	1				1
Brazil	1			1	2
Bulgaria			1		1
Canada	78	4	6	140	228
China	4		1	21	26
Colombia				1	1
Costa Rica	1				1
Denmark			1	2	3
Finland	5		5	26	36
France			2	7	9
Germany	15	3	4	42	64
Hong Kong				1	1
Iceland	2			1	3
India				1	1
Ireland	8		4	16	28
Israel	2		1	3	6
Italy	2		•	8	10
Japan	7		3	4	14
Luxembourg	1		0	1	2
Malaysia			1	1	2
Mexico	1		•	1	2
Netherlands	5		2	12	19
New Zealand	8		4	12	22
Nigeria	1			10	1
Norway	1		2	5	8
Philippines	1		Z	5	1
Poland	1		1	5	6
	1		1	5	1
Qatar	1				1
Russia	1			14	
Saudi Arabia				14	14
Singapore				1	1
Slovenia	1				1
South Africa				1	1
Spain	1			12	13
Sweden	11	2	2	11	26
Switzerland	2		1	7	10
Taiwan				1	1
Thailand	1				1
Uganda	1			16	17
Ukraine			3		3
UAE			1		1
United Kingdom	65	7	18	131	221
United States	2717	150	98	994	3959
TOTAL	2964	166	168	1580	4878

(*) includes First Worldcon attendees

(**) includes Young Adults, Teen and Child Attending Members plus Kids-in-Tow

The US state demographics for the 3,959 US members are shown on the following table and chart. We are delighted to have members registered from every single state (plus Washington D.C., Guam, and US forces overseas). Welcome this month to our first members from Montana and South Dakota!

AE (1)	FL (79)	MA (198)	NH (23)	SD (2)
AK (10)	GA (44)	MD (161)	NJ (58)	TN (25)
AL (15)	GU (1)	ME (14)	NM (31)	TX (169)
AP (1)	HI (9)	MI (137)	NV (26)	UT (14)
AR (19)	IA (36)	MN (171)	NY (183)	VA (99)
AZ (46)	ID (8)	MO (59)	OH (108)	VT (5)
CA (498)	IL (658)	MS (4)	OK (22)	WA (220)
CO (99)	IN (86)	MT (1)	OR (88)	WI (144)
CT (26)	KS (28)	NC (60)	PA (103)	WV (3)
DC (29)	KY (24)	ND (2)	RI (9)	WY (2)
DE (14)	LA (13)	NE (29)	SC (8)	Unknown (37)



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